

## Rider Education Seminar Program – Bringing Safety to Your Chapter

To All Louisiana Chapters

Louisiana District Rider Education is now set up to teach Rider Education Safety Seminars at the chapter level.

We have 13 instructors that I have listed below that are available to come to your chapter and teach one of the listed safety seminars. You can contact them direct and set up a class. (You are welcome to call me to help set up a seminar, but that will just add more phone calls) Remember that the instructors are volunteers so please contact an instructor that is in your area. Work with the instructor as to date and time as well as selecting a seminar. You will be required to pay for any expenses that are incurred by our instructors. We will require 12 students per seminar.

Suggestions for the chapter:

1. Conduct seminars when riding is less popular (winter or summer).
2. Plan your seminar around a chapter event such as a cook out or prior to a ride.
3. Get the word out early and often.
4. Let nearby chapters know about your seminars. Maybe you can share the expense.
5. If a nearby chapter invites you to their seminar, one of the officers from the traveling chapter should make it a point to lead a ride to the seminar.
6. Encourage your members to attend these seminars even if they have attended them in the past. You just keep learning at each seminar.
7. **You might want to consider holding a seminar during your monthly meeting.** All you have to do is cut your regular meeting short by about 20 minutes (eliminate your normal safety message etc) and add about 30 minutes to your regular meeting. Members can leave if the meeting gets too long for them. Most seminars can be taught in 45 minutes. If you teach a road captain seminar, the road

part can be covered by an authorized member of your chapter on the next ride.

Expenses:

1. Some chapters are lucky to have a seminar instructor in their chapter. In this case, please pay for any expenses that these instructors incur. (Expenses for copies, hand outs etc) Some of these instructors buy lap tops and projectors out of their own pocket as well as pay their own way to receive instructions for themselves.
2. Chapters will be required to pay any expenses incurred to conduct a rider education seminar. In some cases we will have to ship a projector/lap top to the instructor when one is not available at the chapter level. Depending on what is involved, be prepared to pay anywhere from \$0.00 to \$75.00. (Shipping the equipment can cost about \$35.00 both there and back plus shipping insurance) There is a great range of payment but this will depend if you have an instructor in your chapter with equipment, you have an instructor in your chapter and we have to ship him/her equipment, or an instructor has to travel to your chapter and we had

to ship that instructor equipment to take with him/her. **One way to keep your cost down is to encourage a member of your chapter to become a rider education seminar instructor.** Be sure to find out about the cost, before you actually have a seminar. There is also cost for travel and copy expenses. If motel expenses are necessary, these expenses should also be paid. Just work with an instructor who lives in your area of the state and this should not be an issue. Courses Offered (We plan on holding a crash scene at wingless weekend 2010)

1. Road Captain (Classroom 1 hour plus 1 hour for road test) - If you want to be an official road captain, then you have to take the riding part where you lead a ride for a short period. The road captain course is designed for all who want to participate. The person who really wants to be a group leader will benefit the most, **but we encourage the co-riders and riders who are not interested in being leaders to take this course.**
2. Co-Rider (1 hour) - The co-rider seminar is intended to provide education and information that will result in an increased awareness for the co-rider. It will also increase team interaction between the rider and co-rider. We encourage the rider to take this seminar as well.
3. Team Riding (1 hour) - This seminar is to educate and inform members about the benefits of team riding and the suggested planning and conduct of a team ride. All riders and co-riders should attend.
4. Crash Scene (1 hour) - How to respond at a crash scene.
5. Trailering (1 hour) - Educating the rider about various aspects of pulling a trailer.
6. Mature Riding (1 hour) - Deals with motorcycle riding for the older person.
7. Riding in the Heat (1 hour) – Preparing to ride in the heat.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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